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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: BAL-108 (17451)

In re Application of: John Teuschger et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3679  
 Serial No.: 10/037,443 ) Examiner: David Bochna  
 Filed: December 21, 2001 ) Our Account No.: 04-1403  
 Confirmation No.: 4830 ) Our Customer No.: 22827  
 Title: Medical Connector )

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims      17	minus      20	=      0	X \$18 =      \$ .00
Independent Claims      3	minus      3	=      0	x \$84 =      \$ .00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$280.00 (per application)      \$ .00			
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Sir:

The present Response is to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2004, in regards to the above captioned application. Please enter the following Response: